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SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains and KVP Trains

EVALUATION

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CB - Converted Boxcar;  
 B - Boxcar;  
 F - Flatcar;  
 SSY - Heavy-Duty Flatcar;  
 RRY - Heavy-Duty flatcar;  
 G - Gondola Car;

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1. Troop trains from the Berlin-Ost freight station to Neuruppin on 16 July 1953 included: a train of 3 CB, 1 F, 12 RRY, and a train of 3 CB, 1 F, 12 RRY,
2. Troop trains were dispatched from Jueterbog on 22 July included: a train of 6 B, 3 F, 14 SSY to Wittenberg; 2 a train of 13 B, 23 F, 10 RRY, and a train of 13 B, 22 F, 12 SSY to Haldensleben. 3 All trains carried tanks.
3. The following troop trains between 23 and 29 July:

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Date in July	Composition of Troop Trains	Tons	From	To
23	9 B, 14 F, 4 G	683	Altengrabow	Zehdenick
	14 B, 30 F, 4 G	978	"	"
24	4 B, 14 F	266	Dallgow Doeberitz	Forst Zinna
	14 B, 39 F	914	"	"
	15 B, 32 F	787	"	"

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	10 B, 43 F	1046	Rathenow	Fuerstenwalde
25	3 B, 10 F	823	Wustermark	Eberswalde
26	14 B, 36 F	806	Neuruppin	Forst Zinna
27	8 B, 23 F	641	Neustrelitz	"
	3 B, 35 F	860	Neuruppin	"
28	8 B, 24 F	469	Velten	"
29	10 B, 25 F	576	Rathenow	Altengrabow
	8 B, 27 F	789	Zehdenick	"

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4. Troop trains [ ] between 22 and 28 July included:

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<u>Date in July</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
22	19 B, 27 F	Bernau	Jueterbog-Altes Lager
	10 B, 39 F	"	"
24	3 B, 10 F	Altengrabow	Eberswalde
	4 B, 10 F	"	Wildpark
	14 B, 38 F	Dallgow Doeberitz	Forst Zinna
	4 B, 14 F	"	"
	13 B, 32 F	"	"
26	11 B, 13 F	Wildpark	Hilleraeben
27	14 B, 28 F	Neuruppin	Forst Zinna
	15 B, 25 F	"	"
28	18 B, 28 F	Velten	"
	8 B, 23 F	"	"
	16 B, 23 F	Neustrelitz	"

5. Troop trains observed at the Wustermark railroad station on 31 July included:  
a train of 3 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars, [ ]  
[ ] with soldiers, 4 x 37-mm AA guns, and trucks [ ]  
[ ] from Jueterbog to Eberswalde; "

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and a train of 14 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars, [redacted]  
[redacted] with soldiers, 4 T-34/85 tanks, 1 JS-2 tank and 3 trucks, from  
Haldensleben to Oranienburg. 10

6. Troop trains [redacted] between 27 and 30 July included:

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<u>Date in July</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
27	7 CB, 1 B, 27 F	Neustrelitz	Forst Zinna
	21 B, 35 F	Kuestrin	Jueterbog Altes Lager
	9 B, 8 F	Velten	Kroepelin
	6 B, 1 F	Neustrelitz	Jueterbog
29	6 CB, 2 B, 27 F	Zehdenick	Altengrabow
	10 B, 25 F	Rathenow	"
30	3 CB, 14 F	Wittenberg	Jueterbog
	4 B, 6 F	Jueterbog	Falkenberg

7. [redacted] the following  
empty cars were to be made available between 29 July and 1 August:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Assembling Station</u>	<u>To</u>
29 July	1 CB, 3 F	Satzkorn	Jueterbog-Altes Lager
	13 CB, 1 B, 36 F	Forst Zinna	Dallgow-Doeberitz
	5 CB, 1 B, 38 F	Forst Zinna	Dallgow-Doeberitz
	14 CB, 2 B, 37 F	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	Dallgow-Doeberitz
	10 B	Teltow-West	-
	17 B	Satzkorn	-
	8 CB, 2 B, 29 F	Rathenow	Altengrabow
	1 CB, 20 F	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	-
	3 B, 2 SSy	Kummersdorf	-
	10 B	Muellrose	-
	3 CB, 21 F	Brandenburg	-

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	10 F	Koenigswusterhausen	-	
	8 B	Fuerstenwalde-Sued	-	
30 July	2 CB, 1 B, 13 F	Fuerstenwalde-Sued		
	14 B	Teltow-West	-	
	3 B, 1 F	Fuerstenwalde-Sued	-	
	2 B, 2 SSy	Neuruppin	-	
	13 B	Satzkorn	-	
	1 CB, 4 B	Strausberg	-	
	6 F	Frankfurt/Oder	-	25X1
	7 CB, 5 B, 28 F	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	-	
31 July	7 CB, 2 B, 25 F	Rathenow	Jueterbog	
	10 CB, 1 B, 31 F	Forst Zinna	Altes Lager	
			Neustrelitz	
	4 CB, 8 F	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	Velten	
	4 CB, 6 F	"	Neustrelitz	
	19 B	Teltow-West		
	3 CB, 1 B, 6 F	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	Chemnitz	
	11 CB, 3 B, 35 F	Forst Zinna	Neuruppin	
1 August	10 CB, 1 B, 32 F	Brandenburg	Altengrabow	
	12 CB, 4 B, 38 F	Forst Zinna	Neuruppin	
	12 B	Frankfurt/Oder		
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8. [ ] three trains daily will be employed on 3, 4 and 5 August for transportation of KVP personnel and motor vehicles from the Prora area. Each train had 120 axles. The trains were to be unloaded at the Berlin-Magerviehhof railroad station at about 11 p.m., 1 a.m. and 3 a.m. and redispached to Prora. [ ]

1. [ ] Comment. The assembling of the three troop trains was previously observed [ ] The rear details of the 12th Gds Tank Div returned from Berlin to Neuruppin on these trains.
2. [ ] Comment. Other observations indicated that, during the night of 22 July 1953, probably two troop trains with elements of the 52nd Gds Tank Regt of the 6th Gds Tank Div were unloaded at Wittenberg. [ ] the assembling of two empty trains at Jueterbog to be dispatched to Wittenberg on 22 July 1953. [ ]

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3. [ ] Comment. On 23 July 1953, [ ] the troop train [ ] from Jueterbog to Magdeburg; [ ] and the troop train [ ] from Jueterbog to Altengrabow on 23 and 24 July respectively. [ ] As, according to the present report, the last two trains of the reference report included RRY-type and SSy-type flatcars, it is believed that the trains carried tanks. On 22 July 1953, the entraining of tanks and motor vehicles at the Jueterbog railroad station [ ] the unit possibly belonged to the 7th Gds Tank Div. Therefore, it appears possible that tank units of the 7th Gds Tank Div were in the Jueterbog area and returned to Letzling Heath on 22 July 1953.

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4. [ ] Comment. [ ] The first two troop trains reported in paragraph 4 may have also been operated [ ]

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5. [ ] Comment. The troop train probably went to Eberswalde via Wildpark and Wustermark.

6. [ ] Comment. One train or two of the troop trains reported on 27 and 28 July 1953 probably carried artillery units of the 9th Gds Tank Div which returned to Neustrelitz on 31 July 1953. [ ] one of these trains passing through the Satzkorn railroad station. [ ]

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7. [ ] Comment. All troop trains possibly carried elements of the 25th RL Brig. [ ] only one train was loaded with elements of this brigade at Rathenow on 29 July 1953. [ ]

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8. [ ] Comment. Observations on the entraining at the Zehdenick railroad stations indicate, that elements of the unidentified artillery brigade of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army moved to Altengrabow. [ ]

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9. [ ] Comment. [ ] the train probably carried a unit of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, possibly of the 63rd AAA Div (US).

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10. [ ] Comment. On 22 July 1953, the troop train [ ] went from Oranienburg to Haldensleben. The heavy weight of the train was indicative of the loading of tanks. [ ] It is believed that this unit, probably of the 25th Tank Div, returned on 31 July 1953. The assumption that tanks were loaded on the train mentioned in the reference report is confirmed by the present report.

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11. [ ] Comment. The three trains were to be loaded with artillery units of the 1st Mecz Div returning to Doeberitz which they had left on 24 July 1953.

12. [ ] Comment. The troop train [ ] probably carried components of the 31st AAA Div returning to Schoenwalde. On 26 July 1953, these troops were shipped from Schoenwalde to Jueterbog on two trains.

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13. [ ] Comment. On 18 July 1953, the loading of a light AAA unit of the 6th Gds AAA Div (US) at Chemnitz [ ] on 19 July 1953, allegedly identified the same train at the Justerbog railroad station. [ ] it is believed that the unit returned to its home station on 31 July 1953.
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14. [ ] Comment. The troop trains carried rocket launcher units and mortar units of the 12th Gds Tank Div returning to their home station. The units arrived at Forst Zinna on 26 July 1953. [ ]
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15. [ ] Comment. The troop train from Brandenburg probably carried a battery of the 124th Hv How Arty Brig (US) which, as another battery between 25 and 29 July 1953, moved to Altengrabow for a short-term firing practice with live ammunition.
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16. [ ] Comment. In mid-July 1953, KVP personnel from the area of Armeegruppe Nord moved to Berlin. On 18 July 1953, 120 KVP tanks were parked at Magerviehhof in Berlin. The redispaching of empty KVP trains to Prora indicates that additional units of the Division Prora will be transferred to Berlin.
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